

COMMERCE CHAMBER LEADERS CHOOSING CANDIDATES IN RACE

Election Situation Complicated By Constitutional Service Limitation.

MANY ARE BARRED FROM RE-ELECTION

Captain Oyster a Probable Nominee for Presidency, With D. J. Callahan Possible Opponent.

Things are waxing warm politically in the Chamber of Commerce. Since the tentative forecast of what might happen at the annual election of officers and directors made in The Times a week ago, there has been an active jockeying of possible candidates for a position in the race, and much speculation among the rank and file of the membership over what is likely to occur.

The situation has been somewhat complicated by the recent amendment to the constitution, rendering ineligible for re-election some of the directors who have served in a prominent capacity ever since the organization of the Chamber of Commerce. Among these who are barred from re-election to the board of directors through the operation of the amendment limiting consecutive service to two terms are D. J. Callahan, Chapin Brown, Scott C. Bone, A. Lisner, D. J. Kaufman, Arthur C. Moses, and John L. Weaver.

It is further complicated by the failure of certain men whose names have been mentioned as possible candidates for election to the three highest offices openly to declare their candidacy, and allow their friends to organize campaigns on their behalf.

Gude Out of Race.

One thing is certain, William F. Gude, the present president, will under no circumstances allow himself to be named as a candidate for any of the executive offices, but his friends insist that he must accept a place on the board of directors.

The next most certain thing is that Capt. James F. Oyster, who has served two terms as first vice president of the Chamber, cannot escape being a candidate for the presidency. Indeed, Capt. Oyster is known to have said to his friends that he would not shrink the responsibilities of the office, if they consider that he should serve as president. He is in no sense an active candidate for the position, but has made clear his willingness to run. The activity of his friends now makes his candidacy assured.

If there is to be a contest for the presidency of the chamber, Capt. Oyster's opponent is most likely to be D. J. Callahan, one of the directors barred by the constitutional amendment from re-election to the board.

Mr. Callahan's friends point out that he has been one of the most active men in the Chamber from the time the body was organized, and was one of those chiefly responsible for the amalgamation which resulted in the formation of the Chamber. They are urging him to allow his name to be used, and, pending definite announcement of his candidacy, are working quietly.

For the two positions of vice president, which carry with them ex officio membership in the board of directors, there is greater possibility of a spirited contest. For those positions E. C. Graham, D. J. Callahan, Chapin Brown, and Charles J. Bell are mentioned. Mr. Bell has held the position of second vice president ever since the organization of the chamber, and it is the desire of many members to re-elect him, but other believe that Mr. Bell should be elected to the board of directors, and some rotation in the vice presidencies be had.

Other Men Named.

It is pointed out that whoever is elected to the vice presidency will be put there with a view to his candidacy for the presidency at the next election. Other names have been mentioned in connection with the vice presidency, including W. T. Gallier, George W. White, Henry B. F. Macfarland, and William E. Shannon, but the lines are rapidly drawing about the first four named.

If Mr. Callahan should refuse to allow his friends to go further on his behalf for the presidency, the vice presidential tickets would probably take the shape of E. C. Graham and D. J. Callahan on the one and Charles J. Bell and Chapin Brown on the other. The treasurer's position has injected itself into the political situation this week in a novel way. A Lisner has served as treasurer of the Chamber since its organization. It is the unanimous opinion of members that Mr. Lisner is the most valuable treasurer the Chamber could find, for he has shown exceptional ability in raising funds to further the interests of the organization. But Mr. Lisner becomes ineligible for re-election to the board of directors, and it is the opinion of most that the treasurer should be on the board. The office does not carry with it ex officio membership on the board.

The problem then presents itself of how to keep Mr. Lisner treasurer and at the same time a director. To accomplish this it has been suggested that the constitution be amended, making the office of treasurer carry with it membership in the board of directors.

That the following week will see a decided clearing of Chamber's political atmosphere seems certain, for lines are fast forming and sentiment is expected to crystallize definitely within a short time.

DANCE TO LIVEN HOUSEHOLD FAIR

There will be a dancing contest with a gold medal as the prize at the Householders' Show, in Convention Hall, tonight. It was national guard night at exhibit last night and thirty members of the First and Second regiments of the District National Guard participated in a competitive drill.

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SUPREME COURT DIGNITY NO BAR TO HOBBLE SKIRT

New York Woman Lawyer Makes Her Visit Impressive As One of Few Petticoated Members of the Bar of That Tribunal.

Has the hobble skirt invaded the Supreme Court of the United States? There is no rule of the court, since Belva Lockwood opened the way for the admission of women to the bar, in 1873, which says that skirts shall not be hobbled.

The person who has precipitated all the discussion is Adeline H. Burd, of New York, admitted to practice during the early part of this year. She is interested in two cases now before the Court, suits of two land companies to maintain their titles to several hundred thousand acres in Kentucky. When she appeared at the Court and proceeded to take her seat within the inclosure reserved for members of the bar the doorkeepers were on the point of blocking her way, for in the judicial sanctum the infringement of the slightest rule seems to amount to no less than sacrilege.

But Miss Burd is so unmistakably capable looking and seemed to know so well what she was about that the doorkeepers paused.

Thereupon there was a hasty investigation. It did not seem likely that women lawyers who attained the dignity of practice before the Supreme Court would be so swayed by feminine emotions as to don a skirt that showed tendencies toward the hobble idea. Some of the court officers, on the other hand, were not certain in their own minds that the hobble feature was there. That question has not yet been answered satisfactorily.

But Miss Burd was not molested. She is likely to go down in history as the first woman who by her appearance before the Supreme Court proved that her sex can attain the greatest distinction in the profession without putting behind them what is regarded as the feminine devotion to the dictates of fashion.

BOURNE FAVORS DIRECT ELECTIONS

Senator Jonathan Bourne of Oregon, apostle of the Oregon "popular government" idea, has just arrived in Washington.

Direct selection of Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates is the only right principle, Senator Bourne said. Under present methods aspirants for office, if nominated and elected, are under obligation to individuals for the support of State delegations. Under no scheme the candidate will be under no obligation to anybody but the people and will be free to serve their best interests.

BAR SILVER.
LONDON, Oct. 23.—Bar silver quiet, 25 11-16d, decline 2-16d.

DAUGHTER NOT WED, SAYS COL. EMERSON

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—"These stories of my daughter's reported engagement to Alfred G. Vanderbilt are all rot, and nothing but a series of falsehoods," Col. Isaac Emerson, father of Mrs. Smith Hollins McKim, who it had been rumored is soon to marry Alfred G. Vanderbilt, made the above statement today at his hotel.

"My daughter and I returned from Baltimore yesterday where we had been for several days, and came direct to this place," declared Colonel Emerson. "Reports that she and Mr. Vanderbilt are soon to wed, or are engaged, is simply rot. My daughter is not engaged, and so far as I know, is not contemplating matrimony."

MANAGER MAY SUE CITY FOR DETENTION

Biographical Society Head, Arrested In Newark, Advised to Retaliate.

Abraham P. T. Elder, manager of the National Biographical Society, is being advised by his friends to bring a suit for his imprisonment at Newark on a swindling charge, according to Mrs. Lucy S. Bahnsen, one of the stockholders in the society.

Mrs. Bahnsen said today that in a letter she had received from Elder the latter declared he had been prevented from obtaining counsel while in jail, on a charge of having swindled Miss Minerva Jane Van Horn, of Newark, out of \$45.

Numerous letters had been received by Elder, she said, advising him to bring a suit for false imprisonment, but he had not intimated whether he would take any action.

Elder is still out of the city, and at the headquarters of the society, in the Colorado building, it was stated today that he may not return to Washington for some time.

Judge Robert E. Doan, a former Member of Congress from Ohio, and nominal president of the society, said he had been informed Elder's privileges under the Constitution were denied him, while he was held a prisoner, but that he did not know whether Elder would bring an action against his imprisoners.

Judge Doan said he is no longer connected with the society, as his contract expired September 26.

BISHOP EGAN HONORED

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 23.—In all the Roman Catholic churches in Philadelphia a special mass was celebrated today in observance of the one hundredth anniversary of the consecration of Right Rev. Michael Egan, O. S. B., first bishop of the Philadelphia diocese.

TURKEY DINNER COST HIGH THIS YEAR--MAYBE

Odds In Favor of Increased Price If One Insist on Turkey—If Duck or Chicken Will Do, Outlook Is Hopeful.

Resolved, That Thanksgiving dinner is going to cost a lot of money this year—in fact, more money than the same dinner ever cost before.

For the affirmative—Center Market men, and commission dealers; for the negative—commission dealers and Center market men.

This appears to represent the sum total of what any one knows about prices for the great feast day. For every dealer who holds up his hands in despair and says that this will be the highest year for Thanksgiving feasts since the devil war, there is another who, assuming that inquisitive Missouri expression, wants to know where he gets his information.

One dealer in speaking of the predicted big advances, today said:

"I have been on this market for thirty-five years, and I never yet saw anyone who could guess a market thirty days ahead. I see everyone is crying 30-cent turkey. To show you how much faith I have in that, I wouldn't buy any turkeys ahead at the present market price, which is 18 to 19 cents a pound.

"The law of supply and demand, of course, controls every market to a great extent, and I can't see where the output for this year is going to fall behind that of any other year. In fact, I think if anything, the demand for turkey this year will be less than last year.

"I can remember when people thought it wasn't Thanksgiving unless turkey was on the table, but now, a larger percentage every year are substituting ducks, geese, and chickens. Incidentally chickens are just about three cents a pound lower than they were last week this time, which would not point to a demand greater than the supply. Ducks are a little higher at present than at

any time before this year and may go even higher, but as for any great advance in the general poultry market, well, I can't see it thirty days ahead."

All pork products are higher this year than last, bacon showing a difference of about 5 cents a pound. Ham and shoulder show a smaller advance.

The vegetable market is a better one than Washington enjoyed this time a year ago according to the produce men, and most of them declare that they see no cause for alarm as to big advances along this line.

CORT TO BE HOST TO A. T. O. MEN

Alumni members of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity will be guests of John M. Cort of Washington tonight at a dinner at the University Club.

Following the dinner the alumni association will elect officers for the year and choose a delegate to the general convention of the fraternity which will be held at Atlanta, Ga., during the Christmas holidays. Among those who will attend tonight are the Rev. Paul R. Hitchcock, C. D. Ellsworth, and Dr. L. W. Glazebrook, son of the founder of the chapter. A. J. Strauffer, one of the members, will entertain with recitations and monologue.

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